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FEARFUL CONFLAGRATION

A Massachusetts Town Sustains a \$2,000,000, Loss by Fire.

Terrible Explosion at Chester, Pa.—Fifteen Lives Lost.

Fitz John Porter Again—Death and Suspension.

Boston, Feb. 18.—At a quarter to twelve last night a fire broke out on the principal street of Haverhill and spread with great rapidity, quickly enveloping the business part of town. Aid was asked from neighboring towns. The flames could be plainly seen in Boston. But one block remains on Wingate st. All else in the square bounded by the Merimac river on the south, Washington square and Essex st. on the east, Wingate st. on the north and the railroad square burned to the ground. Some eighty shoe firms were entirely burned out and others suffer more or less damage. Two hundred people are out of employment. Several families are homeless. The loss is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Texas News.

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—Texas advances state that Geo. M. West, of Sweet Home, Lavaca county, has purchased 28,000 head of cattle and 140,000 acres of land from Dr. Hunt, of Neches county, paying \$600,000.

Last night a party of desperadoes headed by Wm. Ware visited the residence of Sheriff Robb, at Walde and sought to murder him. Robb fought them killing Walter Crane. Citizens came to the rescue and the desperadoes were cleaned out.

Two deputy sheriffs visited the Mexican ranches twenty miles east of San Antonio yesterday, to arrest Juan Garcia, the noted desperado and horse thief. Garcia opened fire with a Winchester rifle, wounding Deputy Sheriff Stevens. The fire was returned and Garcia killed.

The water in all northwest Texas streams is rising rapidly and flooding the country. Two big bridges on the Texas Pacific railroad were swept away last night between Weatherford and Fort Worth, stopping travel.

The Ft. Scott St. Louis and Chicago.

Missouri Republican, Feb. 19th Judge B. J. Waters of Fort Scott, president of the Fort Scott, St. Louis and Chicago railroad, is in the city. He states that the survey of that road is already finished. The line is laid out from Fort Scott, Kansas, to Odesa, to Higginsville, in Lafayette county, Mo., whichever terminus is selected, so as to connect with the Chicago and Alton road's western division, and thereby open direct communication to either St. Louis or Chicago.

Judge Walters, with one of the directors of the road, has just returned from Chicago, where they went to perfect arrangements for building the road, which will be commenced as soon as the weather becomes settled.

Frightful Explosion.

Chester, Pa., February 17, about eight o'clock this morning an explosion occurred at the Pyrotechnic Works of Professor Jackson, in this city. The building was badly shattered, took fire and was consumed. At least fifteen and probable more lives were lost, and many dangerously wounded.

Fitz John Porter.

Washington, February 18.—Senators and Representatives from New Jersey unite in a letter to the President requesting him to review the finding of the court in the Fitz John Porter case, and asking that the latter be restored to the army.

Ex-Governor Purdy's Death.

San Francisco, February 18.—Ex-Lieutenant Governor Samuel Purdy died suddenly last night, aged 64. The supposed cause of death was heart disease.

Six Soldiers Drowned.

Gloucester, February 18.—The schooner Corcoran, from Grand banks, reports a loss of six of the crew in a violent hurricane.

Bank Closed.

Watertown, N. Y., February 18.—The Merchants' Bank has closed its doors.

Elegance and Purity.

Ladies who appreciate elegance and purity are using Parker's Hair Balsam. It is the best article sold for restoring gray hair to its original color, beauty and lustre. Feb. 18-19

EUREKA SPRINGS.

What a Correspondent Thinks and Says About its Merits.

Eureka Springs, Ark., Feb. 14, '82. EDITOR TIMES: Having promised several of my friends that I would write a letter back to be published in your paper, I now task myself with that pleasure.

I arrived in Eureka on the 7th inst., having come here for the purpose of superintending the job of excavating under the Basin Spring hotel, now belonging to Luther Shobe.

Any person realizing that Eureka is only a watering place would naturally infer that business and improvements at present would be on the go back here, but were that person here, they would more readily infer that such an idea would be erroneous, for not less than three hundred houses are now being built in this wonderful city. The business men of this place are wide-awake to its interests, and everything is now being done to facilitate good sidewalks, boarding houses and dry streets for the thousands who are expected here this coming summer. The boom has commenced here a great deal earlier this year than last. The amount of daily arrivals here at present will average seventy-five in number, and among those arrivals can be found people from all over the United States and Europe.

There are all kinds of hotel accommodations here. The finest, most commodious and costly hotel of this place is the Perry House, situated near the Basin Spring. In an interview with Mr. Perry, I learned that this magnificent structure cost over sixty thousand dollars. Mr. Perry, its proprietor, after traveling all over the United States and Europe for his health, came here, not expecting to live thirty days, but at once began to improve, and it was not long before he was a sound and well man, and shortly afterward resolved to spend the rest of his days at the place which saved his life, has invested largely here, he being a very wealthy man, and to-day can furnish hotel accommodations that will rival any in America. Ex-Gov. I. Washburne of Wisconsin, and his brother, Ex-Gov. Washburne of Maine, are here registered at said hotel, each for his health. The former is affected with paralysis and the latter with natural debility.

There are so many wealthy men that come here for their health and find it and afterwards resolve to live here that this can't be knocked out of always being a place of capital and wealth, and as wealth centres and accumulates so will enterprises bring railroads and make Eureka the county seat and finally make it one of the leading cities of the West. The water from these springs is being shipped every place, which helps to establish and advertise its virtue. This place is situated in the hill country of Arkansas.

There are two mountain ranges in northern Arkansas, the Boston mountains running east and west, and the Ozark mountains running north and south, the former range are south of the of the springs, and the latter west. There are spurs or points running from each of these which explains somewhat to the reader the shape and form of the hills, which around the springs are composed of several layers of rocks of different quality, on the top is found the flint gravel as hard as flint can be, and all broken into very small pieces, with angles as sharp as they can be broken, and all looking as though some immense quartz mill had made a tour through the country and tried its power on the rock and done its work well. This gravel is mixed with a small supply of dirt of very rich quality to several feet of depth and although but little

dirt is visible on the surface, yet seed deposited spring up and grow well.

There are twelve hills or ridges around and contiguous to the springs, on which the town is built and these all point off or run into the main valley, and into which they discharge the water from the various springs and which forms Leatherwood Creek. Four miles down this creek from Eureka there is a magnificent cave, known as Eureka Cave, which anyone will readily observe presents many attractive and fascinating features. It has been explored some six hundred yards. The opening is something near fifteen feet wide and ten feet high. The room is about ten feet high and varies from thirty to fifty feet in width. The floor seems to be very level and dry and formed of beautiful red clay of the finest quality, and the ceiling appears to be neat and even, and appears as though some magic hand well skilled in art had expended its skill on the roofing of this former home of the rattlesnake, wolf, bear and panther, for in many places the bear hollow can yet be seen revealed with ease, comfort and satisfaction while the blasts of winter might be heard without. One particular point of great interest on the floor, and which is near the entrance of this cave, is a long and attractive stone mound, which a scholar or will readily denominate the Giant's grave, because it looks like a mound raised over the grave of the dead, and is full thirty feet in length, beautiful tricolored rocks resembling icicles adorn the ceiling, which vary in length and size, some as small as cane stem others as large as a man's waist and of all shapes imaginable. A journey through and examination of these scenes in this cave, will readily impress one with awe and he leaves a wiser, if not a better man. Indeed this cave is quite a resort for young people, and in fact, all who are not satisfied with reading, but want to see for themselves such a wonderful object formed by nature. But you will be tired of reading such a long letter so I will close.

I make my headquarters at the office of Chas. T. Forbes who is now doing a good business in the practice of law. I will be back to Butler about the middle of March and spend the summer "with the boys." By asking you to place my name on your Weekly subscription and by sending my regards to all the boys, and especially Bob Catron, I remain yours with respect.

C. P. REEDER,

Geo. Leis, Secretary Leis Chemical Man'g Co., Dear Sir: I take pleasure in testifying to the remarkable effect produced by your Dandelion Tonic, not only on myself, but upon several parties working for me. One John Daniels was very low with fever and indigestion. I furnished him with several bottles of your Tonic, and it entirely cured him. He swears by it, and thinks there is no substitute for it.

B. D. PALMER, Clerk District Court.

If we get the Ft. Scott, St. Louis & Chicago road there will be two great lines running by our city, and we venture the assertion that freights will take a tumble downwards. One railroad is never of much advantage so far as the shipping of the produce of the country is concerned. One road may be likened to a man who has the only corn or wheat in the country. He can set his own price, because there is no one to compete with him and those who stand in need of either must give it. Just so with one road: it sets its price on freight and the people are compelled to give it. Competition is the life of trade, and the rule holds good in railroad matters as well as in others. Give us another line and our word for it freights will be cheaper and consequently goods also.

The most noted men of modern times have publicly attested to the value of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral as a cure for coughs and colds.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

A Times Reporter Takes in the West Side School Again.

On Friday evening we attended the public exercises of the pupils at the west school house and were pleased to find quite a number of visitors present, including the parents of some of the scholars. Our lone Trustee was on hand as usual, assisted by Mr. T. W. Childs, who said he was playing proxy for some busy Trustee at home. The exercises were of a most satisfactory character and revealed the gratifying fact that the pupils were making rapid progress. The first classroom we visited after reaching the school house was that of Miss Belle Rogers. This young lady has in charge the smaller little boys and girls, and the readiness with which they go through their exercises, together with the almost perfect discipline Miss Rogers has established and maintains over these little girls and boys, stamps her at once as a teacher of high merit, indeed we could see a marked improvement in these little folks since our last visit. The exercises in this room were highly creditable to pupil and teacher alike. We next visited the classroom of Miss Helm. This young lady has in charge pupils more advanced than Miss Rogers. In this room also splendid discipline is observable, and the exercises reflected great credit on Miss Helm and the pupils. The exercises in arithmetic, geography and grammar were eminently satisfactory. We were shown by Miss Helm specimens of the hand writing of sixty pupils that is unsurpassed by those of any school. The writing done on the black-board by little Clara Brown and Ella Peck was splendid and challenged the admiration of all who saw it. The recitation of pieces by May Welton, Florence Willard and Lottie Davidson were very handsome and captivated the spectators at once. Miss Helm's pupils acquitted themselves in handsome style. We next passed into the room of Prof. Brown, where the exercises gave great satisfaction. The Star, a paper edited by the girls of that room, was read by little Miss Riddle. It is a newsy, sprightly sheet, and caused considerable laughter among the spectators. Here as elsewhere in the school, the best of order prevailed, and the pupils reflected honor upon themselves and teacher. We did not get around to Miss Tathwell's room, which we exceedingly regret, but feel sure in saying that the same rapid progress observed in the other rooms is being made in Miss Tathwell's. She is a fine teacher and deserves great credit for the labor and pains she bestows on her pupils. We would be pleased to make personal mention of all the pupils, but our limited space forbids that, but we take great pleasure in saying that one and all of these girls and boys reflected the highest credit on themselves and teachers.

BAILEY'S SALINE APERIENT.—This article has grown into rapid favor with the people—the masses, and very justly, too, because the proprietors were liberal enough to offer it at one-half the price such articles had been heretofore selling at. It is placed at 50 cents per bottle so all can afford to use so potent and pleasant a medicine. It is a charming purgative, well adapted to summer use, as it cools the system, cleanses the stomach, opens the bowels and unlocks the liver, while it is one of the most pleasant beverages in use. For immediate cure of sick headache, heartburn, etc., it has no equal.

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Miscellaneous.

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